

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment referred to the amendment filed on April 27, 2006. In particular, the amendments to the claims were objected to.

As discussed with the Examiner, the amendment filed on April 27, 2006 (the Preliminary Amendment), did not include amendments to the claims. The claims were amended under Article 19 during the PCT stage. The Amended Sheets were submitted with the 371 submissions on April 27, 2006, but were specifically identified as being Amended Claims under Article 19 rather than an amendment. Thus, the current Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was improperly issued. However, as agreed to and as a courtesy, Applicants are herewith submitting a current listing of claims with claim identifiers.

Applicants note the following with regard to the claim identifiers used in the current listing of claims:

- Claims 2-17 and 41-57, which are identified as being Previously Presented in the current listing of claims, were added as new claims under Article 19;
- Claims 18-31, which are identified as being Original in the current listing of claims, are original claims 2-15, which were renumbered under Article 19;
- Claims 32-39, which are identified as being Original in the current listing of claims, are original claims 25-32, which were renumbered under Article 19;
- Claim 40, which is identified as being Previously Presented in the current listing of claims and was original claim 33, was amended and renumbered under Article 19;
- Claim 58, which is identified as being Original in the current listing of claims, is original claim 34, which was renumbered under Article 19; and

- Original claims 16-24 were canceled under Article 19 (because the claims were renumbered under Article 19, these canceled claims do not appear as canceled claims in the current listing of claims).

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 448252001300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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